



United States Government Accountability Office
Washington, DC 20548

Comptroller General
of the United States

Decision

Matter of: Micah Group Energy & Environmental

File: B-409213

Date: November 22, 2013

DECISION

Micah Group Energy & Environmental of Lexington, KY, protests the award of a contract by the Environmental Protection Agency under solicitation No. SOL-R7-13-00015 for remediation of lead contamination. We view the protest as academic because the agency indicated it will terminate the award and either amend the solicitation or cancel the procurement.

The jurisdiction of our Office is established by the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3551-3556 (2006). Our role in resolving bid protests is to ensure that the statutory requirements for full and open competition are met. Pacific Photocopy and Research Servs., B-278698, B-278698.3, Mar. 4, 1998, 98-1 CPD ¶ 69 at 4.

The Government Accountability Office will not consider a protest where the issue presented has no practical consequences with regard to an existing federal government procurement, and thus is of purely academic interest. We do not consider academic protests because to do so would serve no useful public policy purpose. Dyna-Air Eng'g Corp., B-278037, Nov. 7, 1997, 97-2 CPD ¶ 132. We only consider protests against specific procurement actions and will not render to a protester what would be, in effect, an advisory decision. Id. It is not our practice to consider academic questions.

The protest is dismissed.

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